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Amendment to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (previously presented):

A method for facilitating communication with a user, the method comprising the steps of:

receiving contact information for said user, from a presence service, said contact information comprising a contact address of the user;
checking to determine if a particular communication service is supported by said user said particular communication service associated with said contact address;
checking to determine if the contact address of the user is accessible;
launching at least one of a helper application that assists with said particular communication service and an object that supports said particular communication service, in response to said contact address of the user being accessible; and
initiating communication with the user through the particular communication service.

Claims 2 (original): A method as claimed in claim 1, wherein said step of checking to determine if a particular communication service is supported comprises checking a service look-up table.

Claim 3 (previously presented): A method as claimed in claim 2, wherein said step of checking said service look-up table includes determining if domain information in a service url of the user is accessible.

Claim 4 (previously presented): A method as claimed in claim 1, wherein said step of checking to determine if the contact address of the user is accessible is based on an address-family of the user.

Claim 5 (previously presented): A method as claimed in claim 1 further comprising the step of receiving availability information of the user from said presence service, prior to the step of receiving contact information.

Claim 6 (previously presented): A method as claimed in claim 1 further comprising the step of projecting availability information to the presence service, prior to the step of receiving availability information of the user.

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Claim 7 (previously presented):

A method for facilitating communication with a presentity, comprising the steps of:

projecting a subscription request to a presence service for determining the availability of the presentity;

receiving a notification message from the presence service in response to said subscription request, said notification message comprising a role tag for identifying a role that the presentity is in and a key tag for identifying the availability of the presentity for the subscription request;

receiving a notification of availability of the presentity if said role tag is indicative that the presentity is in a role where notifications of availability may be received, and said key tag is indicative that the presentity is available for the subscription request; and,

responsive to said notification of availability being indicative of the presentity being available,

checking to determine if a particular communication service is supported by the presentity;

checking network accessibility of the presentity;

launching at least one of a helper application that assists with said particular communication service and an object that supports said particular communication service, in response to said network accessibility of the presentity being accessible; and

initiating communication with the presentity through the particular communication service.

Claim 8 (original): A method as claimed in claim 7, wherein said step of checking to determine if a particular communication service is supported comprises checking a service look-up table.

Claim 9 (original): A method as claimed in claim 8, wherein said step of checking said service look-up table includes determining if domain information of the presentity is accessible.

Claim 10 (previously presented): A method as claimed in claim 7, wherein the step of checking to determine if the contact address of the presentity is accessible is based on

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an address-family of the user.

Claim 11 (previously presented): A method as claimed in claim 7 further comprising the step of projecting availability information to the presence service, prior to the step of projecting a subscription request.

Claim 12 (previously presented):

A system for facilitating communication with a presentity, comprising:

 a presentity presence client;

 a watcher presence client for projecting a subscription request;

 a presence server connected to the presentity presence client and the watcher presence client, said presence server for receiving the subscription request and for replying to said watcher presence client to identify the availability of the presentity for the subscription request; and

 a communication service separate from said presence server and connected to said watcher presence client and said presentity presence client, wherein said watcher presence client is operable to launch at least one of an helper application that assists with said particular communication service and an object that supports said particular communication service, said watcher presence client further operable to initiate communication with the presentity through the particular communication service.

Claim 13 (original): A system for initiating communication as claimed in claim 12 wherein said presentity comprises a presentity resource.

Claim 14 (previously presented): A system for initiating communication as claimed in claim 12, wherein said presence server comprises a directory service for storing a data record in association with a plurality of users.

Claim 15 (previously presented): A system for initiating communication as claimed in claim 14, wherein said presence server further comprises a user agent for maintaining information about the availability of the presentity, said presence server enabled to determine if the presentity is available.

Claims 16-21 (cancelled)

Claim 22 (previously presented): A method as claimed in claim 2, wherein said step of checking to determine if the contact address of the user is accessible is based on an address-family of the user.

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Claim 23 (previously presented): A method as claimed in claim 3, wherein said step of checking to determine if the contact address of the user is accessible is based on an address-family of the user.

Claim 24 (previously presented): A method as claimed in claim 2 further comprising the step of receiving availability information of the user from a presence service, prior to the step of receiving contact information.

Claim 25 (previously presented): A method as claimed in claim 3 further comprising the step of receiving availability information of the user from a presence service, prior to the step of receiving contact information.

Claim 26 (previously presented): A method as claimed in claim 4 further comprising the step of receiving availability information of the user from a presence service, prior to the step of receiving contact information.

Claim 27 (previously presented): A method as claimed in claim 2 further comprising the step of projecting availability information to the presence service, prior to the step of receiving availability information of the user.

Claim 28 (previously presented): A method as claimed in claim 3 further comprising the step of projecting availability information to the presence service, prior to the step of receiving availability information of the user.

Claim 29 (previously presented): A method as claimed in claim 4 further comprising the step of projecting availability information to the presence service, prior to the step of receiving availability information of the user.

Claim 30 (previously presented): A method as claimed in claim 5 further comprising the step of projecting availability information to the presence service, prior to the step of receiving availability information of the user.

Claim 31 (currently amended): A method as claimed in claim 8, wherein the step of checking network accessibility of the presentity is based on an address-family of the user.

Claim 32 (currently amended): A method as claimed in claim 9, wherein the step of checking network accessibility of the presentity is based on an address-family of the user.

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Claim 33 (previously presented): A method as claimed in claim 8 further comprising the step of projecting availability information to the presence service, prior to the step of projecting a subscription request.

Claim 34 (previously presented): A method as claimed in claim 9 further comprising the step of projecting availability information to the presence service, prior to the step of projecting a subscription request.

Claim 35 (previously presented): A method as claimed in claim 10 further comprising the step of projecting availability information to the presence service, prior to the step of projecting a subscription request.